

Appl. No.: 10/526,341
Amendment dated April 30, 2007
Reply to Office Action of December 28, 2006

REMARKS

STATUS SUMMARY

The Office Action rejected claims 1-15, 17, 18, 20-27, 29-34, and 37-42. Assignee is pleased that the Examiner noted that claims 16, 19, 28, 35, and 36 contain patentable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten to include the limitations of the parent claims.

After the amendment set forth above, claims 1, 2, 6, 8-12, 14, 16-17, 20-22, 25-26, 28, 30, 33 and 35 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 17, and 22 have been amended. Claims 3-5, 7, 13, 15, 18-19, 23-24, 27, 29, 31-32, 34, and 36-42 have been canceled in order to provide for a more focused examination process and thus a quicker route to allowance of the claim set. Assignee reserves the right to seek claims of similar scope to the cancelled or pre-amendment claims in a subsequent application.

For the convenience of the Examiner, the comments regarding the claims are set forth so as to correspond to the order of the claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include a vermin-related information analyzing module and a vermin control time determining module. These changes to claim 1 are supported by the specification as filed including the text found in paragraphs [0028] and [0029]. The Examiner is invited to compare claim 1 with objected to claim 19 from the claim set discussed in the Office Action.

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Claim 17 has been amended in light of claim 1 providing an antecedent basis for a vermin-related information analyzing module. This change does not introduce new matter.

Claim 22 has been amended to recite limitations previously found in claim 36 which was objected to in the Office Action but was deemed to contain allowable subject matter. Thus, amended claim 22 does not contain new matter and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in proper condition for allowance, and an early notice to such effect is earnestly solicited.

If any small matter should remain outstanding after the Patent Examiner has had an opportunity to review the above Remarks, the Patent Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned patent attorney in order to resolve these matters and avoid the issuance of another Office Action.

Although it is believed that no fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-2542.

Respectfully submitted,

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